

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 are currently active in this case. Claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 have been amended by the current amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action Claims 7 and 8 were objected to; Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Publication No. 09-199912 to Iwasaki et al.; and Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwasaki et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,734,755 to Cites et al.

Claims 7 and 8 have both been amended to define that the transfer board includes a top surface layer electrically connected by a via to the ground pattern of the transfer board. Support for this amendment can be found in Figure 1 and the corresponding disclosure on pages 7-9 of the Specification. Consequently, the objections to claims 7 and 8 are moot.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of an interview granted to Applicants' representatives on August 01, 2007. During the interview, Applicants proposed claim changes to claims 1 and 2 identical to the changes provided in this amendment. In short, independent claims 1 and 2 both define, among other things, a multilayer board including a pattern margin provided between an end face of an inner-layer pattern and an end face of the multilayer board, and a transfer board including a pattern margin provided between an end face of the ground pattern and an end face of the transfer board, wherein the pattern margin of the transfer board is smaller than the pattern margin of the multilayer board.

As reflected in the interview summary, the Examiner opined that the proposed changes to the claims appear to overcome the applied art as the prior art fails to teach or suggest the respective pattern margins or the relative sizes of the pattern margins.

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Consequently, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding prior art rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, no further issues are believed to remain. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

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